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On page 14, line 27, please cancel the word "stabilisers" and substitute in its place stabilizers--.

On page 15, line 1, after the word "from" please cancel the word "from".

On page 16, line 12, please cancel the word "microtitre" and substitute in its place -- microtiter--.

On page 16, line 19, please cancel the word "microlitres" and substitute in its place -- microliter--.

On page 16, line 20, please cancel the word "microtitre" and substitute in its place -- microtiter--.

On page 17, line 23, please cancel the word "microlitres" and substitute in its place -- microliter--.

### IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please cancel claims 4-10, 24-29, 35, and 38.~~

~~Please amend the remaining claims as follows:~~

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1. (Twice Amended) A protein fragment having antimicrobial activity, wherein said protein fragment is a polypeptide [~~containing~~comprising] a relative cysteine spacing of [C-2X-C-3X-C-(10-12)X-C-3X-C-3X-C] C-3X-C-(10-12)X-C-3X-C (SEQ ID NOs: 37-39) wherein X is any amino acid residue, and C is cysteine.

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2. (Twice Amended) An isolated or purified protein [~~containing~~comprising] at least one polypeptide fragment according to claim 1, wherein said polypeptide fragment has a sequence selected from [~~within a sequence comprising~~the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, ~~or~~and SEQ ID NO:5.

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11. (Twice Amended) A composition comprising [~~an~~the] antimicrobial protein [~~according to~~of] claim 1 together with an agriculturally-acceptable carrier diluent or excipient.

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13. (Twice Amended) A method of controlling microbial infestation of a plant by reducing the number of said microbes, the method comprising treating said plant with an antimicrobial protein according to claim 1 in an amount effective to reduce the number of said microbes.

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16. (Twice Amended) A method of preparing an antimicrobial protein, said method comprising;